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MESSAGE:

Enclosed please find a Preliminary Request for Reconsideration and Declaration Under Rule 132

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PRELIMINARY REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Request for Reconsideration filed in the above-identified RCE before issuance of the first Action.

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for approving the Request for a Six Month Suspension of action to enable the Applicants to conduct comparative experiments with the Goto et al. cited reference. These experiments have now been completed and a Rule 132 Declaration of Mr. Sasano, the first named inventor, is enclosed.

In the Action dated September 8, 2003, claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Goto et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons and based upon the comparative showing set forth in the attached Rule 132 Declaration.

Claim 1, as amended in Applicants' Response dated December 8, 2003, is directed to:

A laminate adhesive, consisting essentially of a polyisocyanate component and a polyol component consisting essentially of polyester polyol,